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Presbyterian Church,

La Porte, Ind.,

1878.

List of Pastors.

First Church.

Rev. John Morrill.....1834 to 1835
Rev. Wm. K. Talbot.....May 1835 6 months
Rev. Wm. K. Marshall D. D..May 1837 to Oct. 1844
Rev. James Greer.....1845 to 1847
Rev. John Steele.....1848 to 1851
Rev. F. P. Cummins.....1851 to 1858
Rev. J. W. Hanna.....1858 to 1860
Rev. R. S. Goodman.....1860 to 1865
Rev. L. C. Spotford.....1866 to 1869
Rev. L. M. Stevens.....1869 to 1871

Second Church.

Rev. S. N. Steel.....1844 to 1845
Rev. J. W. Cunningham.....1846 to 1858
Rev. G. C. Noyes, D. D.....1859 to 1868
Rev. Wm. C. Scofield.....1869 to 1871

Re-United Church.

Rev. Jno. F. Kendall, D. D.....1871

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Officers

Of the Church and Society.

Pastor.

Rev. Jno. F. Kendall, D. D.

Elders.

Myron Ives,
Samuel Harvey,
L. N. Fiery.
Wm. H. Boyd,
Julius Barnes,
E. D. Barrows.

Trustees.

L. N. Wilson, Pres't of the Board,
L. A. Cole, Secr.,
H. W. Porter, Treasurer,
D. C. Alexander,
H. C. Shannon.

Calendar.

Annual meeting of the Church, the Monday evening following the second Sunday in March.

Pew renting, about the first of May.

Preaching, each Sabbath, morning and evening.

Sabbath School, at 12 M.

The Lord's Supper is administered, the first Sabbath in January, April, July, and October.

Preparatory Lecture, on the Thursday evening preceding.

Baptism of Children, the Sabbath succeeding each Communion.

Bible Reading, each Tuesday evening during Fall and Winter months.

Prayer meeting, each Thursday evening.

The first prayer meeting in each month is observed as the Monthly Concert.

Ladies' prayer meeting, Friday at 3 P. M.

Young Ladies' prayer meeting, Sabbath evening, an hour before service.

Benevolent Contributions are taken as follows, on the second Sabbath, in the months named:

February: *Foreign Missions.*

April: *Church Erection.*

June: *Education.*

August: *Ministerial Relief.*

October: *Home Missions.*

December: *Freedmen.*

Members.

(The names are arranged alphabetically under each year.)

1833.

Mrs. Mary (Dinwiddie) Wilson,

1837.

Mrs. Mary D. Everhart,
Mr. Peter Fletcher,

Mrs. Amelia C. Gregory,
Mrs. Mary Williams.

1838.

Mrs. Rachel (Bear) Rust,
Mrs. Sally E. Southworth,

Mrs. Lydia Strong.

1839.

Mrs. Harriet Ives Roberts,
Mrs. Maria (Williams) Sherman,

Mrs. Julia Ann Sutherland,
Mr. Samuel E. Williams.

1840.

Mrs. Elenor (Westervelt) Messenger,

1843.

Mrs. Sarah A. Fletcher,

1841.

Mrs. Harriet C. Clark,

Mr. Wm. C. Nelson.

1845.

Mrs. Nancy Guinther,
Mr. Thomas Messenger,

Mrs. Martha C. Thomas.

1846.

Mr. Abram J. Westervelt,

Mrs. Mary F. Westervelt.

1847.

Mrs. Sarah A. Albright,
Mr. George Crawford,
Mrs. Hannah A. Crawford,
Mr. West Darling,
Mrs. Deborah Darling,

Mr. John Dinwiddie,
Mrs. Rhoda Dinwiddie,
Mr. James Moore
Mr. John Sutherland.

1848.

Mr. Jeremiah Jordan.

1849

Mrs. Margaret E. Wilson.

Dr. George L. Andrew

Mrs. S. J. Gregg.

Mr. A. F. Bagley,
Mrs. Elizabeth Bagley.
Mrs. Mary S. Buck,
Mrs. Julia T. Clark,
Mr. Wm. E. Hammond.

Mr. D. C. Alexander,
Mr. M. M. Faulkner,
Mrs. Elizabeth N. Faulkner,
Mr. William Fargher,
Mrs. Ann Lower,

Mr. Julius Barnes,
Mrs. Susan B. Holmes,

Mrs. Elaine Steel,
Miss Sarah A. Strong,
Mrs. Maria Trout,

Mrs. Catherine B. Barnes,
Mrs. Elizabeth Boyd,
Mr. Wm. H. Boyd,
Mrs. Catharine M. Faulkner,

Mr. Edward F. Clark,
Mr. Frances E. Cobham,
Mr. John F. Croft,
Mrs. Sarah J. Croft,
Mrs. Ophelia Churchill Closset,

Mrs. Abigail Arnold,
Mr. Henry Hews,

Mr. Amos C. Farrows,
Mrs. Mary Crane,
Mrs. Harriet E. Frye,

Mrs. Anna M. Moore.

Mr. Edgar D. Farrows,

Mrs. Virginia Alexander
Mrs. Mary E. Date,
Mr. G. W. Merrill,
Mr. Nettie Morrison,

1851.

Mrs. Catharine P. Andrew

1852.

1853.

Mrs. Catharine Westervelt Hammond
Mrs. Ellen M. Irvine.
Mrs. Eveline Lewis.
Mrs. Charlotte Nelson.

1854

Mr. John Parkhouse,
Mrs. Mary Bagley Ross,
Mr. Andrew J. Westervelt,
Miss Mary Isabella Westervelt.

1855.

Mrs. Charlotte Frary,
Mrs. Abbie J. Horn.

1856

Mrs. Sarah Van Zant,
Mrs. Jemima Wing.

1857.

Mrs. Ann Parkhouse,
Mr. Jasper Packard,
Mrs. Harriet S. Packard,
Mrs. Louisa Wells.

1858.

Mrs. Sarah Kane,
Mrs. Susan N. Phelps,
Mrs. Electa Potter,
Mr. Abel D. Potter,
Mrs. Mary J. Reid.

1859.

Mrs. Hannah Forrester,
Mrs. Mary Hews.

1860.

Mrs. Elizabeth Stocker,
Miss Catherine Oakes.

1861.

1863.

Mrs. Jennie Clark.

1864.

Mr. Nellie E. Ross.
Mr. Mary L. Sweet
Mr. Elizabeth Williams.
Mr. J. N. Wilson,

Mrs. Mary A. (Parkhouse) Benford,
Mrs. George C. Ross,

Mrs. Lydia A. Chapman,

Miss Elnora Albright,
Mr. John H. Bradley,
Mr. Dexter A. Bridges,
Mr. John R. Cochrane,
Mr. Wm. M. Cochrane,
Mr. Edward M. Crab,
Mrs. Sarah Dale,
Mr. Lent G. Eib,
Mr. Wm. L. Gregg,
Mrs. Harriet Hayes,
Mrs. Frances G. Howe,

Mr. William W. Andrew,
Mr. Lucius N. Crary,
Mr. Andrew Harmon,
Mrs. Elizabeth Harmon,
Mr. Samuel Harvey,
Mrs. Margaret E. Harvey,
Mr. Myron Ives,

Mr. R. B. Allen,
Mrs. Lavinia S. Allen,
Mr. [illegible] Merrill Andrew,
Mr. Henry L. Biggs,
Mrs. Carrie Q. Biggs,
Mrs. Harriet Crane,

Mr. Nelson P. Evans,
Mr. Louis A. Faigher,

Mrs. Elizabeth Jordan,

Mrs. Celia Buck,
Miss Harriet C. Clark,
Mrs. Melissa Harris,

Mr. Alice (Sutherland) Anderson,
Miss Sarah Louise Andrew,
" Fanny Andrew,
" Frances Helen Cochrane,
" Louisa Crane,
Mr. John V. Crawford,
Mr. Clare M. Croft,
" Edgar Darling,
Mr. Guilford Dicks,
Mrs. Gertrude Bell Everhart,
Gertrude Bell Fancher,
Mr. Alfred Fancher,
Mr. Abbie M. Farguer,
" Margaret Agnes Frary,
Mrs. Julia [illegible] Wilson,
Mrs. Mary Wilson.

1865.

1866.

Mr. Augustus D. Kimberly,
Mrs. Melissa Forbes (Kimberly)
Miss Harriet Loomis,
Mr. Wm. D. Moore,
Mr. William F. Porter,
Mrs. E. P. Spofford,
Mr. George A. Steel,
Mr. Henry M. Steel,
Mrs. Ella (Roberts) Wells,
Mr. George W. Whitwell.

1867.

Mrs. Asaheth Bancroft,
Mr. F. C. King,
Mrs. Nancy King,
Miss Sarah [illegible] Parkhouse,
Miss Sparta Ryan,
Mrs. Mary C. Silliman.

1868.

Miss Louise Hill,
Mr. N. H. Merrill,
Mrs. Mary M. Merrill,
Mrs. Mary H. [illegible] Rogers,
Mr. William C. Steel,
Mrs. Ella W. Whitwell.

1869.

Mr. [illegible] Kelly VanPelt,

1870.

1871.

Miss Carrie Allen Porter,
Mrs. Sarah J. (Fletcher) Seymour

1872.

Miss Harriet Ann Hews,
Miss Cora Hupp,
Mrs. Julia B. Kendall,
Miss Mary Alice Kimberly,
" Annual Michael,
" Mary Elizabeth Michael,
" Mary Lacy Moore,
" Mary Lawson Phelps,
" Mary B. Porter,
" Margaret A. Richards,
" Ida May Richards,
Mr. James E. Rogers,
Mr. George A. Rogers,
Miss Annie S. Rogers,

Mr. Samuel Brady Hammond,
Miss Angeline Frances Hammond,
" Carrie Belle Hammond,
" Elanor Maria Hammond,
Mr. Olander Hammond,
Miss Eva Willietta Hammond,

Mrs. Martha Donly,
" Sarah L. Mann,

Miss Laura C. Barnes,
" Anna L. Barnes,
" Anna M. Bradley,
Mrs. Lucetta Cole,
" Nellie Young Crawford,

Mrs. Margaret V. Bodge,
Miss Susan J. Feary,
" Salina Hagenbuck.
Mrs. Rosanna Michael,
Miss Emma S. Parkhouse,

Miss Judith R. Anderson,
Mrs. Emma Barney,
" Martha E. Butterworth,
Mr. Gustave Jones Johnson
Miss Ann Seymour,

Mr. Willard P. Allen,
Mrs. Fannie E. Allen,
Mr. Lyman D. Allen,
Mr. Frank C. Allen,
Mr. William G. Anderson,
Mr. August C. Anderson,
Mr. Fred G. Andrew,
Miss Helen M. Axtell,
Mr. Lewis D. Barnes,
Mr. Randolph Barnes,
Mr. Joseph M. Barnum,
Mrs. Julia F. Barnum,
Mr. Edwin A. Barnum,
Miss Clara E. Barnum,
Mr. Thomas W. S. Belcher,
Mrs. Mary E. Belcher,
Mr. Francis A. Boyd,
Mrs. Sarah A. Boyd,
" Jennie E. Boyd,
Mr. George I. Bradley,
Mr. Daniel L. Brown,
Mrs. Elizabeth M. Brown,
Miss Lillian Buck,
Mr. William F. Buck,
Mr. William Iniger,
Miss Isola T. Carpenter,

Miss Frances M. Ross
Mrs. Ruth Sabin,
" Helen L. Scott,
Mr. Henry Clay Shannon
Mrs. Kate Lowers Swan,
" Lydia Whitmer.

1875.
Mrs. Margaret Sabin.

1874.
Mrs. Lucina Fosdick,
" Elnora Kierstead
Mr. James E. Lewis,
Mr. Wm. A. Wilson

1875.
Mr. Henry W. Porter,
Mrs. Chloe H. Porter,
Miss Mary E. Robinson,
Mrs. Belle Sheip.

1876.
Miss Harriet Seymour,
Mrs. Mary H. Wilson,
Miss Mary Winchell,
" Ella Winchell,
" Carrie Winchell.

1877.
Mr. Morris G. Holmes,
Mr. John W. Hood,
Mrs. Mary A. Hopkins,
Mr. Elisha Ivy,
Mr. George W. G. Keene,
Miss Carrie Kimberly,
Mr. Lewis R. Kimberly,
Miss Essie S. Lewis,
Mr. Edward B. Lewis,
Mr. George A. Lewis,
Mr. William F. Mann,
Mrs. Anna McCurdy,
Miss Lizzie McCurdy,
Mr. Henry McGill,
Mrs. Eliza A. McGill,
Miss Grace Messenger,
Mr. Otto Meyer,
Miss Flora B. Michael,
Mrs. M. K. Miller,
Mr. George T. Mills,
Mrs. Carrie B. Mills,
" Ellen M. Monroe,
" Anna S. Moore,
Miss Emily F. Moore,
Mr. James S. Moore,
Miss Laura A. Moore,

Mr. Frank M. Chapman,
Mr. Arthur L. Clark,
Miss Mary E. Clark,
" Mary I. Cochrane,
" Maud Cochrane,
Mr. Leonidas A. Cole,
Miss Lina Cole,
Mr. Edwin C. Crane,
Mr. William L. Crane,
Mr. William Crawford,
Mrs. Anna Crawford,
Mr. Elizabeth J. Crawford,
Mr. William Crawford, Jr.,
Mr. Albert E. Dale,
Mrs. Ella N. Darling,
Mr. William Dennistown,
Mrs. Agnes Dennistown,
Miss Mary E. Dinwiddie,
Mr. Hugh Donly,
Mr. Jacob A. Evans,
Mrs. Josephine N. Everhart,
Miss Mary E. Faulkner,
Mr. John Fildes,
Mrs. Ellen Fildes,
Mr. George F. Fletcher,
Mr. Nelson H. George,
Mrs. Elmira Gleason,
" Ella M. Hagenbuck,
Mr. Samuel N. Haines,
Mrs. Sarah C. Haines,
Miss Ellie A. Haines,
" May A. Hammond,
" Nettie E. Hammond,
" Linda E. Harris,
" Alice Hawkins,
" Bertha E. Hayes,
" Lucy E. Hayes,
" Annette V. Heath,
Mrs. Elizabeth Heath,
Miss Helen P. Hews,
Mr. William H. Hews,

Mrs. Cornelia S. Hill,
" Mary Bishop,
" Louisa M. Fisher,
" Joanna Geegge,
" Lucinda Griffin,
Miss Lou V. Quinn,

Total, 375.

Mr. Henry D. Morrison,
Miss Etta Mossholder,
Mr. David H. Norton,
Mrs. Minerva E. Norton,
Mr. John P. Oakes,
Mrs. Elizabeth K. Oakes,
Miss Susan D. Oakes,
Mr. Clark Osborn,
Mrs. May Osborn,
Mr. Thomas J. Osborn,
Miss Adelaide L. Packard,
" Florence N. Packard,
Mr. William T. Parkhouse
Mrs. Eliza Paul,
Mr. Arthur W. Paul,
Mrs. Sarah E. Peters,
" Rose Potter,
Mr. Charles A. Powell,
Miss Lillian Roberts,
Mr. Charles S. Ross,
Miss Elizabeth E. Ross,
" Florence L. Silliman,
Mr. John Smith,
Mrs. Hester E. Smith,
Mr. Samuel M. Smith,
Mrs. Martha A. Stevens,
Mr. Charles D. Stevenson,
Mr. Clarence M. Stone,
Mr. Howard J. Stocker,
Mr. William H. Sutherland,
Mr. Cyrus A. Thomas,
Miss Martha C. Thomas,
Mr. Alexander H. Ulmer,
Mr. Charles M. Van Nest,
Miss Mary C. Weir,
" Ellena Wescott,
Mr. Albert E. Whitaker,
Miss Sally E. Wilkinson,
Mr. Joseph H. Wilson,
Miss Mary E. Wilson,

1878.

Mr. D. V. B. Skinner,
Mrs. Amy Skinner,
" Sarah V. Travis,
" Mary S. Willard,
Miss Ella O. Willard,

Formula

For Receiving Members.

You appear in this public manner before God, to dedicate yourself to His service, and to unite with His visible people.

We trust that you have been renewed by the Holy Spirit, and are prepared to make Confession of your faith, and to enter into a Covenant, not to be revoked, to receive the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, as your God, and to walk in all the Commandments of the Lord.

You will now assent to the following brief summary of the faith.

You believe that there is but one living and true God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost; and that these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory.

You believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the inspired Word of God, and the only infallible rule of faith and practice.

You believe that our first parents were created holy; that, by sinning against God, they incurred his right-

cons displeasure and involved all their posterity in sin and death.

You believe that God has in infinite mercy, provided a way of salvation, through the mediation and death of his Son, Jesus Christ: and that Christ is verily God, and is both able and willing to save all who repent and believe in him.

You believe that in order to be saved it is necessary to trust in Christ alone as an all sufficient Savior, to forsake sin, and walk in the ways of holiness, to the end of life; but that mankind are naturally so averse to holiness, and so in love with sin, that none ever do turn and live unless by the special influences of the Holy Spirit.

You believe that those who are once renewed by grace will be kept by the power of God, through faith, unto salvation.

You believe that there will be a general resurrection of the dead and a final judgment, and that the wicked shall go away into everlasting punishment, and the righteous into life eternal.

To this summary of christian doctrine do you cordially assent?

[The Sacrament of Baptism is here administered.]

It is fitting now that you enter into a holy engagement with God and with this church.

Therefore, in the presence of God, of angels, and of men, you now solemnly avouch Jehovah the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost to be your God.

You take the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the rule of your conduct and of your faith.

You renounce the world, the flesh and the devil, and sincerely accept the Lord Jesus Christ as the object of your supreme love and trust.

You profess it to be the purpose of your heart to live a humble, holy and devout life; to sanctify the Lord's day; strictly to observe secret, family and public worship; to seek the conversion of sinners to Christ; and henceforth to devote yourself and all that you have without reserve, to the service of your Redeemer.

You also engage to submit to the order and discipline of this church; to cherish a spirit of meekness and love; to be patient under christian reproof; to be watchful over your own heart, and faithful to the souls of your brethren.

And should you remove from us, you engage to ask a letter from this church that you may unite with the people of God wherever your lot may be cast.

Do you thus solemnly covenant with God and His people?

Dearly beloved, the vows of God are upon you. You have laid yourself under peculiar obligations to be devoted to his service.

You have renounced the world and its vanities, and have received Christ as your portion. Let these engagements be the subject of frequent meditation and prayer.

Henceforth guard every avenue to temptation, and abstain from all appearance of evil. Enter with your whole heart upon the work of the Lord, and labor to turn many to righteousness. Pray without ceasing. Carefully observe stated seasons of secret devotion, and whatever may interpose, neglect not your closet. Be not content with ordinary attainments in piety, but grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. And may God enable you to keep the covenant this day made, through the grace of Him

who hath said, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

[Members received by Letter will now arise.]

Being already in covenant with God and with his people, you do now, in transferring your peculiar relations to this branch of his church, cheerfully renew the consecration of yourselves to His service, engage to submit to the government and discipline of Christ, as here administered, and promise to seek the purity, peace and edification of this church?

In consequence of these engagements, we, the members of this church [*members here rise*] receive you, beloved in the Lord, into our communion, and declare you entitled to all its privileges. We welcome you to our number, and promise to watch over you, and seek your edification while you continue among us. We ask a faithful co-operation, on your part, in all our labors. May our fellowship in the Gospel be sweet and profitable, and may we together "press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

"Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory, with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen."

Historical Sketch.

The beginnings of Presbyterian history, in LaPorte, reach back to the year 1831. At that time there was no semblance to the city of to-day. The whole of the space occupied by our present city contained, in Sept. 1832, but three houses. These were, a public house, kept by one, Lilley, upon the site of the present Tremont House, on the corner in the rear of the First National Bank; and two other buildings, not far from the present depot. Otherwise the site of the city was a grove similar to those now remaining in the West end of town. South and East the country was an open prairie, with dense forest in the remoter distance.

In the late Autumn of 1831, Mr. Myron Ives, removing hither from Paris, Ill., settled upon Rolling Prairie in a log cabin, upon the hill just East of the Little Kankakee. Mr. Ives was the first Presbyterian in the county. In the May following, his mother, Mrs. Rebecca Ives, and his sister, Mrs. Sarah Aldrich, came with their families into the same vicinity. At the same time, Mr. Alexander Blackburn, from the Carlisle church, Ind., settled upon his farm a half mile West of the present village of Rolling Prairie. In the autumn of

this year, 1832, Messrs. Ives and Blackburn went, each with a load of wheat, to the nearest flouring mill, at Niles, Michigan. While waiting for the grinding of their wheat, they went out by night into the forest, and after conferring together, in reference to the spiritual wants of their community, they held the

FIRST PRAYER MEETING,

in the interests of Presbyterianism, in LaPorte County. Soon thereafter, a Sabbath prayer meeting, was instituted, on alternate Sabbaths, in the cabins of the men above named.

In November of this year, the **1823836**

REV. JAMES CRAWFORD

of the Crawfordsville Presbytery, visited the county, and in the cabin of Mr. Blackburn, preached the first sermon, by a Presbyterian in LaPorte County. During the week—it was the 28th of November 1832—a meeting was held in the same place, to take steps for the organization of a church. Mr. Crawford preached from James 1:27. Seven persons were then "associated together, in the capacity of a

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,

to be called the church of LaPorte, viz; Charles Mowlan, Myron Ives and Sarah, his wife, Rebecca Ives, Sarah Aldrich, Alexander Blackburn and James S. Hening." The election of Elders was postponed to a subsequent date.

On the 13th of July 1833, a meeting was held in the house of Wm. O. Potts, on the corner of South Main and Clay streets, at which time Mr. Ives and his wife

Elizabeth, David Dinwiddie and his wife Mary, and James, Isabella, Catharine and Elizabeth Blair were received into the organization, raising the number of communicants to fifteen. Of these fifteen, it is worthy of note that two are still members of the church, viz.: Myron Ives and Mary Dinwiddie Wilson, and that the connection of Mrs. Wilson has been continuous, during the entire period.

On the 29th of July, a week later, a meeting was held at the "Kankakee school house," "a log school house, on the Niles road about three and one-half miles from LaPorte," "for the purpose of choosing Elders and further organizing the church." James Blair, Wm. O. Ross, Myron Ives and David Dinwiddie were chosen. Alexander Blackburn, though not a member of the session, acted as its clerk, from the beginning. The organization took the name of "LaPorte church" and became connected with the Presbytery of Crawfordsville.

Upon the first of January, 1834,

REV. JOHN MORRILL

began a year's labor with the church. At the close of his labor, the membership had reached a total of fifty-six.

From the 10th of May, 1835,

REV. WM. K. TALBOT

preached to the church about six months.

On the 20th of May, 1830, a "vote was taken to build a meeting-house; and Messrs Niles, Howell, Strong and Blackburn were appointed a committee to collect

funds, choose a situation and manage the whole affair." This was the first step to the building of the present Disciples church, on the corner of Prairie and Monroe streets. The completion of this enterprise belongs to the pastorate of

REV. WM. K. MARSHALL, D. D.,

who received a call, May 27th, 1837 and was immediately afterward installed, the first Pastor of the church. The project of building was pushed by him and others, and was, at length, brought to completion, only a short time, before the close of his pastorate. The building was finished and dedicated in 1842 or 1843 and was incumbered with a debt of about $2,000. Mr. Marshall closed his labors with the church, the first Sabbath in October 1844. In spite of the distractions incident to building, his labors were blessed by a considerable increase of members, equaling about 150 at the close of his work here. By order of Synod, Mr. Marshall presided and preached the sermon at the organization of the Presbytery of Lake, January 10, 1843, at South Bend.

An interim of about a year passes, when

REV. JAMES GREER

becomes the Stated Supply of the congregation, for a period of about a year and a third. After another vacancy of about a year,

REV. JOHN STEELE

began to supply the church in the Spring of 1848. He afterward received a call, and became the second settled Pastor of the church. His labors continued, with con-

siderable accessions to the membership of the church, until October, 1851. He was then dismissed, to remove to Rolling Prairie, and organize a church there.

Immediately following Mr. Steele, on the second Sabbath of October, 1851,

REV. C. P. CUMMINS

began to supply the church. He was called at a later date, to the pastorate, and was installed June 14, 1853. This relation continued till the 20th of May, 1858. The latter part of his life was passed in the ministry of the Episcopal church, and at his decease, he was Rector of the church in Crawfordsville.

From the latter part of the year 1858 until the Autumn of 1860,

REV. J. W. HAVEN

was the Stated Supply of the church. Immediately following him, for nearly five years, until October, 1865,

REV. R. S. GOODMAN

labored with the church. In this time, the First church erected its new building, on the corner of Indiana Avenue and Harrison street, and Dr. Goodman occupied it some three years. A year after his labors closed, in October, 1866,

REV. L. C. STOFFORD

began preaching to the congregation. He was afterwards installed, and ceased his labors only with his death, April 12, 1869. He has left a fragrant memory among the people of his last charge. Of singular earnestness and fidelity, a faithful Pastor, a good preacher, a true friend, he found no idle place in the

affectionate regards of his people, that his name is cherished among their tenderest memories.

In the month following his death, the church edifice was destroyed by fire. It was however immediately rebuilt, and on the first Sabbath in September 1869,

REV. L. M. STEVENS

began the last pastorate of the First church, previous to the Re-Union. These were years of great happiness to Pastor and people, ending with the dissolution of his pastoral relation October 21, 1871, and with that, the separate history of the First church.

We return now to the year 1844. On the third day of November, in this year, the Second church was formed, and connected with what was then the New School. The membership at organization, was thirty. The church was organized of members from the First church, by

REV. S. N. STELL

who acted as Stated Supply for one year. James M. Clark and Ellsworth B. Strong were the first Elders.

In the Spring of 1846

REV. JOHN W. CUNNINGHAM

began a long and useful course of labor with this church. His first year gave accessions of sixty-four upon profession; his last half year thirty-nine. Mr. Cunningham was installed May 31, 1848, by the Presbytery of St. Joseph and the pastoral relation was dissolved in June, 1858. Besides large additions to the membership, there was very marked appreciation of the claims of benevolence as shown by large contributions.

Following Mr. Cunningham, in January 1850,

REV. GEORGE C. NOYES

was invited to the vacant field. In May 1850, he was installed, the sermon on the occasion being preached by Rev. R. W. Patterson, D. D., of Chicago. In 1860, the church reached the highest membership, up to the Re-Union, a total of 245. The contributions of the church were maintained, at a high figure. Near the close of Mr. Noyes' pastorate, the initial steps were taken, for the erection of a new church. Shortly after the division in 1844, the First church found itself burdened with so heavy a debt, as to necessitate the sale of its church edifice. This was purchased by the Second church, and used by them until the year 1868, and upon the 15th of November, in this year, Mr. Noyes' labors closed.

Succeeding him, from May 1869 to July 1871, the church was supplied by

REV. WM. C. SCOFIELD.

During his labors, a new church building was erected at a cost of about $30,000. Free from all useless ornamentation, but substantial and thoroughly well built, with a seating capacity, of nearly 700, we may without boasting, claim that we have an edifice, not surpassed by any in the State, North of Indianapolis.

Thus briefly, has been sketched the history of the two churches, to 1871. During the Summer of this year, negotiations were undertaken, looking to a union of the two. These negotiations reached a successful issue, in a unanimous application of both churches, to the Presbytery of Logansport, for an organic union, by action of

Presbtery. The request of the churches was granted, and on the 31st day of October, 1871, Presbytery united the two, under the name of

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LAPORTE.

On the twelfth of November a unanimous call was extended to the

REV. JOHN F. KENDALL

to become Pastor of the church. This call was immediately accepted, and he was installed on the 4th of the following June, the sermon being preached by the Rev. Henry Kendall, D. D., of the Board of Home Missions.

The Re-Union has been most happy. After many years of waiting and praying, labor has been crowned with abundant blessing from God, resulting in the most remarkable Revival, in the History of Northern Indiana, bringing into the church, upon the profession of their faith, within the space of a year, no less than one hundred and seventeen.

Laus Deo!

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